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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 10, 11, and 16 have been cancelled and claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-9, 12-15 and 17-19 are pending and under consideration.

Dependant claims 3 and 4 have been amended to correct a readily apparent inaccuracy in the translation. Specifically, the connection set-up signaling is in a direction from the source to the destination, and the transport address of the destination is sent in a direction from the destination to the source. Accordingly, the connection set-up signaling causes the transport address to be transmitted, but does not itself transmit the transport address.

In item 3, on page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claim 11 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 11 depended on claim 10, which in turn depended on independent claim 9. The limitations of dependant claims 10 and 11 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 9, thereby rendering claims 1 and 9 in condition for allowance.

In view of the claim amendments, it is submitted that the prior art rejection raised in the Office Action are now moot.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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